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RE: Amilkar Velez-Lopez, Esq.
Resume

Dear Ms. ~~Daniels~~ Irene:

Enclosed please find my resume.

Kindly thank you for demonstrating your interest in me.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Juris Doctor from Seton Hall Law Center, Newark, New Jersey. Degree conferred in 1979 (Cum Laude).

- Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund Grant (1975-1979)
- Recipient of Eugenio M. de Hostos Award for academic Excellence

Participated in ***seminars*** from the Puerto Rican Faculty Development Project sponsored by theCouncil on Social Work Education. Seminars were conducted in New York, New Jersey and Puerto Rico. (1971-1972)

Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, New York. Degree conferred in 1970

- Twice elected to the Student Government (Interim President in 1969)
- Active member of the Puerto Rican Student Caucus of CUSSW (Treasurer 1969-1970)
- Honors: Federal Child Welfare Study Grant (1968-1970)

Attended a ***Business LeadershipCourse*** (administration) at Rutgers University, Paterson Extension Center, New Jersey. (Fall 1970)

Bachelor of Arts **degree** with a major in sociology and a minor in psychology from the InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico, San German, Puerto Rico. Degree conferred in 1968 (Cum Laude).

- Three times elected to the Student Government
- President - Sociology Club (1967-1968)
- President - Senior Class of 1968
- Member - Nu Eta Phi Fraternity
- Honors: Legislative Scholarship (1964-1965)
  Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation Honor Scholarship (1965-1968)

High School Diploma from George Washington High School, New York, New York Graduated in 1964

- Founding member of Borinquen ASPIRA Society (1964)
- Honors: Cooperation in Government Certificate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 1980 to present	Private Law Practice Newark, New Jersey
March 1971 to 1982	Social Worker, Child Guidance Department Newark Board of Education, Newark, NJ
January 1975 to May 1975	Adjunct Professor, Sociology Department Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ
January 1973 to June1973	Part-time Social Worker Ramon E. Betances Pre-School, Newark, NJ
August 1972 to December 1972	Acting Administrator, Bilingual Education Program, Newark Board of Education Newark, New Jersey
January 1972 to May 1972	Adjunct Professor, Urban Studies Department Livingston College, Edison, NJ
June 1970 to February 1971	Program Director, Aspira Inc., Newark, NJ
January 1969 to January 1970	Field Placement (School Credit) , Bureau of Child Guidance, New York, NY
Summer 1968	Psychology Instructor, New York Youth Commission/State of Vermont, Saint. Johnsbury, Vermont
January to May 1967	School Credit, Puerto Rico Parole Board Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES

Pennsylvania Attorney and Counselor-at-Law (1981)
New Jersey Attorney-at-Law (1980)
New Jersey School Social Worker (1972)
Academy of Certified Social Workers (1972)

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE (Past and Present)

Active in various community, social, and political activities geared to improving the quality of life and opportunities of minority groups.

Board of Directors - ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey
Board of Directors - Alumni Association,Columbia University School of Social Work
Founding member - New York Association of Puerto Rican Social Service Workers
Founding Member of the Puerto Rican Educators Association
Puerto Rican Education Committee, Inc., New Jersey
Consultant - Puerto Rican History and Culture Committee ,Newark Board of Education
Puerto Rican Task Force, Council on Social Work Education
President -Board of Directors of "Comunidad Unida para la Rehabilitacion de Adictos" (C.U.R.A) Appointed by Mayor Kenneth Gibson (1980-1982)
New Jersey Bilingual/Bicultural Education Committee, Trenton, NJ
Member - Board of Directors of COMPRE Health, Inc. Appointed by Governor Brendan Byrne
Elected as an Alternate District Delegate to the 1980 Democratic Convention
Founding Member of the Newark Borinquen Lions Club (1980)
Puerto Rican Handicapped Children Association, New Jersey Chapter
Founding Member - Casa Don Pedro, Inc.
Organizer - North Newark United " Residents and Merchants

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Plaque recognizing my support in the development of sports in the Hispanic Community in Newark. Franco & Franco Nite Club (February 25, 1995)

Certificate: Distinguished Citizen's Award given by Mayor Sharpe James for outstanding service and contributions to the City of Newark, NJ (Sept. 12, 1994)

Plaque given by Luis A. Quintana, Councilman, for support and dedication to the Hispanic community. (November 13, 1994)

Plaque for service and contributions to the Hispanic community given by "Batey Borincano " and Lucky 7 Nite Club (November 13, 1994)

Plaque given by F & J Realty Services, Inc. for cooperation, support, and goodwill (1993)

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS (cont.)

Certificate from *The Civil Service Leader* , Official Organ of the New Jersey Civil Service Association

Certificate of Appreciation from Policemen's Benovolent Association of Essex County, New Jersey, Local # 157 (1993)

Plaque from the Puerto Rican State Parade of New Jersey (December 19, 1992)

Plaque from the Satewide Domino Association for cooperation (February 24, 1990)

Plaque given by the Marin Family (April 1987)

Cerificate of Appreciation from The Essex County Bar Association for meritorious service to the public (1986 - 1987)

Appreciation Award given by the Borinquen Newark Lions Club (1986 - 1987)

Plaque from the Board of Directors and Staff of CURA, Inc. in recognition of leadership and service (November 12, 1982)

Cerificate from the National Society of Handicapped Children and Adults, Puerto Rico Chapter (March 6, 1982)

Plaque from the Newark Lions Club for exemplary performance in fulfilling duties as Treasurer

Plaque from the Board of Directors and Staff of CURA, Inc. in recognition of leadership and service (November, 12 , 1982)

Plaque from CURA, Inc. (June 1, 1980)

Plaque from Staff and Residents of CURA, Inc. (December 19, 1980)

Eugenio Maria de Hostos Award for Academic Excellence (1979)

Plaque from ASPIRA Club, Eastside High School (May 22, 1977)

PROFFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Appointed to a sub - committee of the James Treffinger Transition Committee (1995)

Has participated as panelist, analyst or interviewee in various programs on WXTV (Channel 41), WNJU (Channel 47), WADO (Radio Station), WJIT (Radio Station), WBGO (Radio Station), and newspapers (1973 to present)

Former co-owner and contributor of *EL OBSERVADOR* newspaper

Elected as an Alternate District Delegate to the 1980 Democratic Convention

Panelist in "The Political Process in Relation to Puerto Ricans", program taped with Dr. Hilda Hidalgo and Mr. Diego Castellanos for Channel 6, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (May 1973)

Conducted a workshop at the Advocacy in Action Conference sponsored by the PSAA and the Unitarian Universalist Church, Boston, Massachusetts (May 1973)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association
New Jersey State Bar Association
Greater Newark Chamber of Commerce

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1990 - 1998	Member of the Legal Team of Councilman Luis Quintana
1994 -	Received a Distinguished Citizen's Award from Mayor Sharpe James
1995 -	Received a commendation from the Newark Municipal Council for Leadership and Contributions to the City of Newark, NJ
1997 -	Elected as a member of the State Democratic Committee for Essex County
1997 - 1998	Hogar CREA, Inc. supporter
	Active in the Jim McGreevey for Governor campaign.
1998 -	Received a plaque from the United Tavern Owners for many years of contributions to the domino, billiards, and softball teams in Newark, NJ.

Addendum

Elected as a member of the Democratic State Committee on June 3, 1997.

Chosen as a "Man of Vision", representing the North Ward of Newark on June 7, 1998.

Established Jurisprudence in New Jersey as to a case of Jurisdiction, (New Jersey Law Journal, March 30, 1998, (151 N.J.L.J. 1427)

Received the A.I.P. (R.O.U) "Honor for Community Service Award" at the Newark Library, June, 1999.

Received other awards from community and other organizations.

Received the first honor of the year and of the millenium award from the New Jersey Puerto Rican Trovadours Association on January 1, 2000.